



***WA Emergency Communications
Coordination Working Group
(WECCWG)***

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Why we are here

- #1 For the citizens of WA State
- #2 Required by the CEMP



Purpose of the WECCWG

To forge and strengthen our public, private, and tribal partnerships to enhance emergency communications preparedness statewide.



The WECCWG Vision

A community of technology professionals working together to provide reliable and resilient emergency communications for Washington State in times of crisis.

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Goals

- 1. Understand the threats we face in WA State***
- 2. Know one another***
- 3. Plan and exercise together***
- 4. Establish and maintain WA State ESF 2 roster***



1. Understand the threats we face in WA State

Natural

- Earthquake
- Wildfires
- Wind and Ice Storms
- Flooding
- Avalanche
- Landslide
- Volcano
- Tsunami

Technological

- Cyber
- Hazardous Materials
- Pipelines
- Public Health
- Terrorism
- Urban Fire
- Dam Safety



2. Know one another

- Establish active, healthy liaison contacts
- Understand what each agency provides to the larger picture
- Know our interdependencies
- Learn what to expect of private, tribal, and public sector response
- Know who, how, and when to call

ESF-2 Partners (Is your agency on here?):





3. Plan and exercise together

- Prepare communities with realistic scenarios and expectations
- Figure out interoperability challenges before disasters strike
- Overcome information sharing challenges we may have
- Identify/establish policies, guidelines, and/or agreements for company's, governments, and tribes to work together



4. Establish and maintain WA State ESF 2 roster

- Know our experts, how to reach them, and when/where they will be needed
- Understand ICS/NIMS and ESF 2 specifically
- Understand activation levels and procedures for various EOCs/ECCs
- Review/update the CEMP, ESF 2 Annex, and other public telecomm documents

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Administration of WECCWG

- *WECCWG Admin*: ESF 2 Coord Agency
- *Membership*: Open (core group of volunteers to be established)
- *Schedule (triannual)*: Fall (Sep 29), Winter (Feb 2), Summer (TBD)
- *Sponsorship*: rotation/voluntary
- *Location*: various around state



Administration of WECCWG

- Establishing our Core Group (14 agencies)
 - State Coord Agency (1): MIL
 - State Primary Agencies (2): UTC, WaTech
 - Local (2): City and County (ID volunteers)
 - Federal (1): FEMA
 - Private (4): Telecom Service Providers (ID volunteers)
 - Volunteer Orgs (2): RACES, ARES, SECC
 - Tribal (2): Tribal Nations and/or ATNI Telecom

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Agenda creation for WECCWG

- Will follow vision, purpose, & goals
- All participants can make suggestions; core group will finalize/approve agenda
 - *Suggestion: Each meeting have a threat profile focus*
- Sponsors will always have 1-hr time slot on agenda for their emergency comm topic



DISCUSSION & QUESTIONS?